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TOTAL CLAIMS	4	minus	20	0	52.00	0.00
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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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